

# Here is how to change your handle if you already have pidgin and your chat rooms set up.

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Many of you have already set up Pidgin and your chat rooms. To that I say thank you. We here at the National Weather Service would like to make chat the most productive and useful experience out there. With that said when a message is typed in to us, it would be very beneficial to know exactly who the chat is coming from and where you are located. This not only helps us locate you, but also get the information back to you quickly. Many of you already have nice handles and many thanks to you.

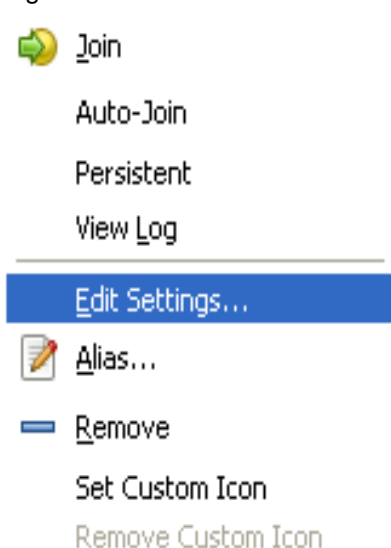
Below will be a quick method to change the handle to the preferred method. (It needs to be noted that the latest updates of Pidgin make it much easier to change handles, so if you use Pidgin you may want to download the latest version. It can be found here <http://www.pidgin.im>

This change in handles can be done in two ways.

1. More Efficient
  - a. In your buddy list

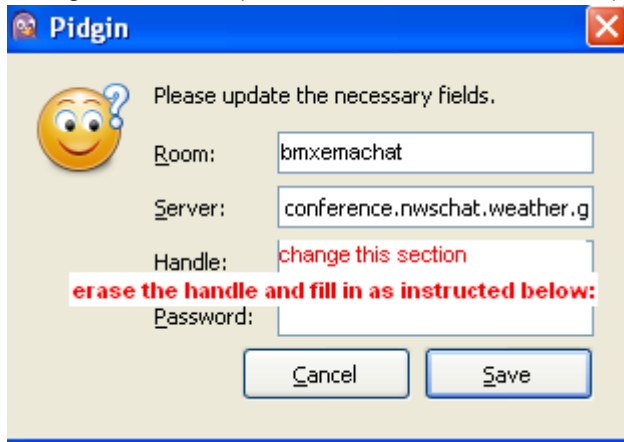


- b. Right Click in **bmxemachat** and select Edit Settings, a new window will pop up.



(If you cannot see the "EDIT SETTINGS" sections then you have an older version of pidgin and will need to use the MORE DIRECT way below or install the newest version of Pidgin.

- c. Change the handle (See above section for methods)



- i. For Ems

1. Erase the current handle and enter the one below for your county
2. Handle: **em-countyname-lastname**.
  - a. For example, em-shelby-aaron
3. Hit Save
4. Double click the bmxemachat to open up chat.

2. Most Direct

- a. Delete you current chatroom "bmxemachat"
- b. Add new chatroom (bmxemachat), with the new preferred handle (see above section for methods)